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TONY Blair yesterday signalled the crisis-hit Child Support Agency is going to be scrapped.

going to be scrapped.

The Prime Minister admitted the hated organisation – which tries to deal with maintenance payments for splif families – was "not suited" to its job.

But last night he faced anger for failing to act sooner following years of misery suffered by millions of hard-up parents and their children.

Single-parents are owed more than \$1.7 billion from the CSA.

And figures yesterday showed that \$5,000 blunders leading to repayments have been committed by the agency over the past four years.

Some involved as much as \$50,000.

Mr Blair revealed his despair in a furious clash at PM's Questions.

Mess

He said: "The truth is, the agency itself is not properly suited to carry out that task."
He added: "The truth is it is extremely difficult and we are looking urgently at what the solutions may be to it.
"But I have to say I think that the problem is a fundamental one which is the nature of the task that they're called upon to perform."
Labour promised to sort out the CSA mess EIGHT years ago.
It's expected that the CSA will be broken up into at least three separate agencies.

Ministers want investigation of

agencies. Ministers want investigation of maintenance claims split from appeals and the collection of outstanding cash.

One option being considered is for the Inland Revenue to take over much

of the work.

Mr Blair came under fire from LibDem leader Charles Kennedy over the CSA's "appalling track record". Figures revealed that to get a child £1.85 from the CSA £1 has to be spent

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Howard's

MICHAEL Howard vesterday mocked Tony Blair for being "on his way out". The 64-year-old Tory leader taunted the Prime Minister, 52, during a row about schools policy, claiming Tories back his school reforms while Labour MPs oppose them.

reforms while labour them.
"He and I are both on our way out," he said. "He doesn't have much time left. He needs to spend every minute he's got persuading those on his own benches who disagree with him."





DEPORTATION: Charles Clarke

HOME Secretary Charles Clarke vesterday ordered the extra-

yesterday ordered the extra-dition of British terror suspect Babar Ahmad to the US. America claims computer expert Ahmad raised money to support terrorism in Chechnya and Afghanistan. The 31-year-old, of Tooting, south west London, has been accused of running websites inciting murder and urging Muslims to fight holy war.

Warrant

It took Mr Clarke, 55, six months to decide on the case. Ahmad's family said they would be appealing.
Anti-terror police arrested Ahmad in August 2004 on an extradition warrant from the US and he has been in jail ever since.

since.
A spokesman for Ahmad's family said: "This is a sad day for Britain and an even sadder day for British Muslims.

"In effect, this sends a message

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

to British Muslims that there is no legal and democratic means to air your concerns." A judge ruled in May that Ahmad could face trial in the US.

Clarke had 60 days to study the judge's decision.

But he was twice given twomonth extensions because of "complex representations".

Ahmad's lawyers complained he could be at risk of the death penalty.

A Home Office statement said: "As is right and proper, the Home Secretary has given full consideration to complex representations that have been made on Mr Ahmad's behalf but is satisfied that the conditions for his extradition have been met."

Britain's top policeman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair last night warned that every community was at risk from "indiscriminate" terrorism.

Dum dum claim

THE innocent Brazilian shot dead on the Tube by police was gunned down with dum dum-style bullets, it was claimed yesterday. Met marksmen were authorised to use the hollow tip ammo, banned in warfare under international convention, to take out suicide bombers after the 7/7 attacks, according to sources. Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, was mistaken for a terrorist and shot seven times at Stockwell underground station in south London.

Happy Birthday GIRLS Aloud singer Sarah Harding celebrates her 24th birthday



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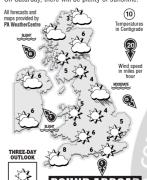
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TODAY: A frosty start and a cold day. A few showers will affect North Sea coasts. Wintry showers in Scotland. The rest of the UK will be dry. There will be sunshine for most areas, but some patches of cloud are expected.

OUTLOOK: Another frosty start tomorrow. There will be a few showers for North Sea coasts. Plenty of sunshine elsewhere. Still cold. On Saturday, there will be plenty of sunshine



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PHASERS ON STUN: Johnny Vaughan will host TV spoof Space Cadets

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

CHANNEL 4 bosses are going to spend £5m on the biggest practical joke in telly history. A new reality show will con people into thinking they are going into outer space.

thinking they are going into outer space. Space Cadets will be hosted by Johnny Vaughan, 39, when it blasts off next month. Makers Endemol – who are also behind Big Brother – have been planning the show for 18 months.

Nine participants have been told they are going into space and will have to undergo "intensive training," in deepest Russia. But instead the group have been taken to a secret location in the UK.

Illusion

Their "Space Shuttle" is actually a Hollywood creation, made originally for the film Space Cowboys, and will never even leave the ground.

A giant, custom-built video screen outside the "spacecraft" will give the contestants the illusion of looking at Earth from orbit.

The launch sound has been created by a movie industry sound specialist, while the shuttle will be tipped back and forth to simulate the feeling of space travel.

And to help the guinea pigs believe that it is all real, Endemol bosses hired actors to pretend to be the other contestants.

But Channel 4 has admitted they could be in trouble if the contestants twig what is happening. Commissioning Editor Angela Jain said: "If we don't pull it off, the last laugh will be on us."

• Space Cadets is due to start on Channel 4 on December 7 at 9pm.

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ABOUT TELLY STAR MAD ABOUT

TAKING THE MIC: Little Britain Anne starts her song

Singer Anne is a scream

■ by MARK JEFFERIES

LITTLE Britain's David Walliams gets to go on Stars In Their Eyes tonight in an hilarious spoof. The comic, 33, is

dressed up as oddball character Anne for the return of the hit BBC1

sketch show.

Anne tells presenter
Cat Deeley: "This star
is originally from
Quebec.

"She represented Switzerland in the Eurovision Song Contest and she has got an old fat husband

with a beard."

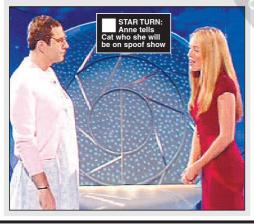
Anne then goes off through the famous doors for an amazing

transformation, complete
with sparkly silver dress. But her singing doesn't go completely
according to plan.
A show source said: "Anne has been speaking to Cat for a few

A snow source said: "Anne has been speaking to Cat for a rew minutes and seems to be fine.

"But once she gets on stage, things start to go horribly wrong and I think it's fair to say she won't be invited back for the Stars In Their Eyes final."

To find out which pop star Anne is copying, watch Little Britain testicht of them.



Goat boy gets paws on Shaz's udders...

EXCLUSIVE ■ by MARK JEFFERIES

X FACTOR stripper Chico X FACTOR stripper Chico Slimani is groping for suc-cess - after grabbing Sharon Osbourne's lucky charms. The cheeky singer, 34, mauled his mentor's boobs as they fooled around between practice sessions.

around between practice sessions.

And game-for-a-laugh Sharon let her other contestants Brenda Edwards, 36, and Andy Abraham, 40, have a feel too.

A source said Sharon, 53, asked them if they wanted to squeeze her "bin bags" "Chico didn't need asking twice," said our insider, "he was straight over to have a feel and then Brenda Joined in. "Sharon then Joked with Andy he had felt enough bin bags before so he should give them a squeeze too. They were falling about laughing."

We can also reveal it really will be Chico Time on Saturday

FEELING RUDE: Chico

reveal it really will be Chico Time on Saturday when he sings his swn song. The former goat-herder decided not to do a cover and will instead belt out it's Chico Time, which he wrote with producer Mark Hudson.

er Mark Hudson. But whoev-er wins the series is going to face a race going to face a race against time to grab the Christmas No.1 spot – because fans will have just four DAYS to

will have just four DAYS to buy it.

The final is on December 17, and the winner will hit the studio with just 24 hours to record the track. Stewart Allan, HMV Singles Buyer, said: "Ordinarily it would be a real handicap to the chances of any single making it to straight to No 1 without the benefit of a full week of sales, particularly when it's Christmas. "But one of the few acts with a chance of pulling it off is the X Factor winner." Ladbrokes have the single as 6-4 favourite ahead of 3-1 Westlife, who are releasing When You Tell Me That You Love Me with Diana Ross.

Spokesman Robin Hutchison said: "The biggest single bet is \$1,000 at 6-1 which we took over the weekend."

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Sex cheats

From Page One
hope that won't stop them getting down and flirty when the show kicks off on Sunday. And that would be guaranteed to be a ratings winner. Past contestants have given the show a massive boost with their red-hot antics.
Jordan, 27, and Peter Andre, 32 even went on to marry, while Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, 33, and Darren Day, 37, attracted millions with their "will they or won't they" flirtation.
This time around, sexy Jenny Frost, 27, has DJ flance Domlinic Thrupp, 41, waiting back at home, while Sheree Murphy, 30, is married to footballer Harry Kewell, 27.
Kimberly Davies, 32, is a married mum of two, while Elaine Lordan, 39, Carol Thatcher, 52, and Jilly Goolden, 48, are taken, too. Among the fellas, only Sid Owen, 33, is unattached.
A TV source said: "Part of the show is about flirting. But Sid seems to be the only one who is single, so it could get very messy this time around.
"Still, that's just what the producers want. A couple of love-cheats would certainly make it a must-watch for everyone – except their partners, of course!"

AD ABOUT TELLY STAR MAD









Kings of freebies

THEY'RE all at it! From the Prime Minister downwards, our MPs are

filling their boots.
Yesterday's publication of their outside interests showed that Tony Blair enjoyed a 26-night FREE holiday at Sir Cliff Richard's Caribbean villa, a perk worth in excess of £40,000.

Chancellor Gordon Brown accepted several FREE flight upgrades.

Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain got FREE tickets to watch

Tory leader Michael Howard accepted a FREE hamper from the Sultan of Brunei, one of the world's richest men. Former Tory leader William Hague hit

the jackpot with outside earnings of £920,000 in just one year.

That's more than 15 times his MP's salary of £59,000.

All this graft comes on top of a host of other bonuses enjoyed by MPs such as lavish expenses and bumper pensions.

Our MPs like to portray themselves as dedicated public servants, striving selflessly to help others.

Sort CSA shambles

WHILE MPs are busy making money, they're allowing other people's cash to be mis-handled.

The Child Support Agency is a shambles on an epic scale.

New figures show that 35,000

cases, involving sums of up to £50,000, have been bungled.
The result of the chaos is that

thousands of children do not receive the financial support

they are legally entitled to.
Tony Blair admitted the
Government organisation
was "a mess" eight years ago.

But we're still waiting for his promised overhaul.

Yesterday there was more over confusion intends to do.

He told the Commons the CSA would be abolished, while one of his Ministers said it would be reformed.

Now we'll have to wait until next year for a statement on what's actually

going to happen.

Mr Blair should sort it out - NOW.

Grope Factor

X FACTOR'S Chico had a feel of Sharon Osbourne's "bin bags". Wait till Ozzie gets him – he'll bite his

*!@*ing head off!

Jury told how brother of football



■ by JOHN MAHONEY

TEENAGER Anthony Walker was hacked to death with a 2ft-long ice axe simply because of the colour of his skin, a court heard yesterday.

The 18-year-old black student died when the razor-sharp weapon was smashed into his skull in an unprovided attack.

Jail

Immediately after the murder, Barton and Taylor drove to Dover where they boarded a 6am P&O ferry to Calais. They then crossed the Dutch border to Amstrodom

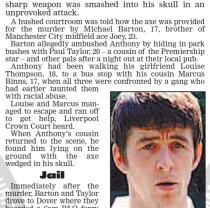
to Calais. They then crossed the Dutch border to Amsterdam.

The jury was told how, while on the run, Barton had called his brother Joey and said: "I was there, but I didn't kill him. Chomper killed him."

Chomper was the nick-name of jobless Taylor, who on Tuesday admitted murdering Anthony. He faces life in jail when he is sentenced at the end of Barton's trial.

Unemployed Barton, of Huyton, Liverpool, denies murder and conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm against Anthony and his cousin Marcus.

Prosecutor Neil Flewitt QC told the court: "Both Paul Taylor and Michael



CALLED: Soccer ace Joey

Barton are white, as is Louise Thompson. Anthony Walker and Marcus Binns are black.
"It is the prosecution case that on July 29, 2005, Taylor, Barton and others decided to pursue Anthony and Marcus for no reason other than the colour of their skin."

He said Anthony and his cousin had earlier suffered a torrent of racist abuse delivered by Barton and Taylor as they waited at a bus stop opposite the Huyton Park pub in Liverpool.

Struck

Mr Flewitt said: "They walked away, but were followed by a car which contained Taylor and Barton. "The three tried to escape by walking into McGoldrick Park, but were confronted by the men once more.

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"Although Marcus and Louise were able to run away and escape their attackers, Anthony Walker was not so fortunate.

"He was struck to the head and killed by a single blow from an ice axe.
"Tragically, he had sustained a catastrophic head injury and, despite the best efforts of all those who treated him, he could not

Picture: MERCURY PRESS

ace shouted racist abuse at victim and pals



GUILTY: Paul Taylor has already admitted murder

be saved. It is the prosecution's case that the fatal blow was struck by Paul Taylor, but that the weapon was provided by Michael Barton."

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There were gasps from Anthony's family as the prosecutor held up the axe in a clear plastic bag to show the jury.

The court also heard how Barton later told police he hadn't been there when the fatal blow was struck and said he'd tried to pull the axe out of Anthony's head but could not do so.

Mr Flewitt said both Taylor and Barton were among the gang who had earlier hurled racist abuse at Anthony and Marcus as they waited for a bus opposite the pub.

Sensing trouble, the trio decided to walk to the next bus stop – with the men shouting abuse at them as they went.

As they walked away, they were trailed by a Peugeot car in which Barton and Taylor were both allegedly travelling.

After Anthony's murder

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the Peugeot was found abandoned at another local pub. The Brick Wall, as they began their journey south to Dover.

The two remained abroad until August 3, when they were brought back to Liverpool by their parents and police.

The court heard that tests carried out on a sign outside the Huyton Park pub showed that the murder weapon had been used by Barton two days earlier to make seven scratches on it.

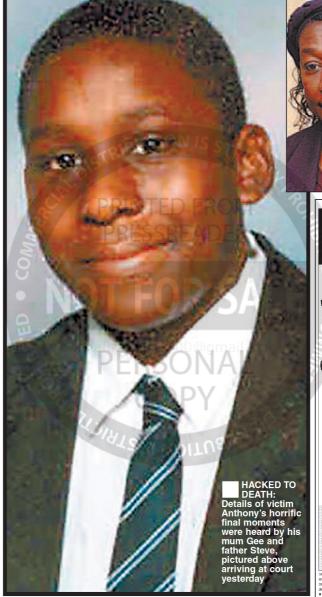
Escape

The sign was earlier carried into court along with other exhibits in the case. When detectives interviewed Barton, he claimed Anthony and Marcus had started the incident outside the pub.

He alleged that Marcus had been holding a bottle, forcing him to jump over a fence to escape him.

The trial continues today – and is expected to last two weeks.

two weeks.









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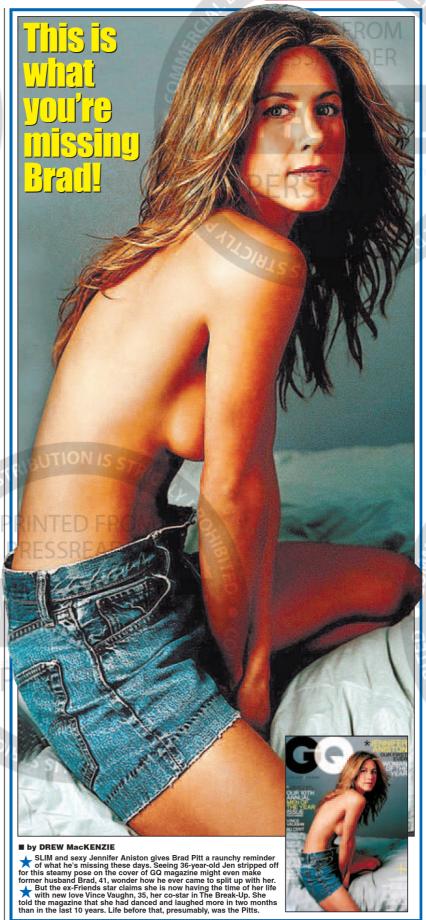
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BLUE CHIP: Tory Hague is top earner

Cabinet Minister and Chelsea fan

Southend United.
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Cabinet Minister and Chelsea fan Peter Hain, 55, enjoys free trips to watch his Stamford Bridge heroes – courtesy of Sky Sports, Labour's Tony Lloyd, 55, scores with "occasional hospitality and tickets from Manchester United Football Club". United Football Club".
But Tory James Dudd-ridge, 34, and his wife are happy to settle for a regular seat in the directors' box at.

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Earner

"These engagements included some discussion of my wife's life in No.10 Downing Street," says Mr Blair. He does not reveal how much cash she pocketed from the speeches reported to be more than £100,000. But the pay-day pales alongside the Commons' big earner, ex-Tory leader William Hague, 44.

He pulled in a wallet-bursting £920,000 from activities that include books, articles and TV appearances. Speeches to companies and sport clubs at up to £10,000 a time earned him £385,000.

Bumbling fellow Tory

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Boris Johnson, 41, made

more than £150,000 from

journalism, TV appearances

and speeches.



Narnia but the brave in lion Liam's movie pride



■ by NADINE LINGE

GET set for the lion's share of thrills and spills when fantasy favourite The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe roars on to movie screens next month.

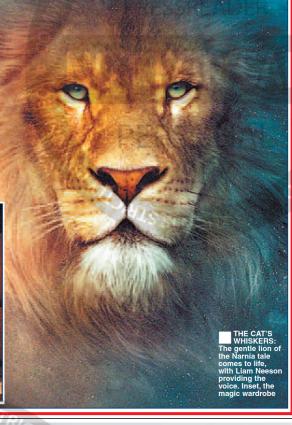
And watch out for the mane man behind that hairy lion – Hollywood hunk Liam Neeson, 53. He provides the voice for Aslan, the big cat hero of the hotty-awaited film based on CS Lewis's epic tale.

The magnificent talking lion takes on the evil White Witch, played by The Beach actress Tilda Swinton, 45 – seen here in terrifying sword-wielding form – and confronts her amid a blizzard of mind-blowing special effects.

His helpers are four brothers and sisters who find their way into his magical kingdom of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe.

If your own wardrobe hasn't got a secret door, you'll just have to wait until the movie hits British cinemas on December 8.







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AWARD-WINNING

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OW'S this for timing?
Culture Minister
Tessa Jowell admits we can all look forward to an upsurge in alcohol fuelled violent crime

And she does it at exactly the moment 24-hour drinking gets its final go-ahead.

moment 24-hour drinking gets its final go-ahead.

Home Secretary Charles Clarke says it'll take years to wean us off our binge drinking habit.

Met Police chairman Glen Smyth confesses: "Our officers are overwhelmed by a sea of drunken, violent, vomiting yobs who, when they're not fighting each other, are falling through shop windows.

"That's now. What will it be like with a licensing free-for-all?"

And the Government writes out a fat cheque for £2.5million of our money to clamp down on pre-Christmas drink-related offences.

The theory behind 24-hour drinking is simple. If we have access to alcohol at all times of the day and night we'll suddenly be transformed into civilised Europeans, quaffing a single glass of Sancerre while spreading runny brie on a brioche and sounding off about Proust.

No longer will we pour alcohol down our necks till we urinate all over passing old ladies and fall senseless into puddles of our own puke.

The Government claims endless supplies of drink on tap will turn us into sensible, sober citizen. As my 16-year-old would say: "Yeah, right!"
Binge drinking is part of British society. Prolonging pub hours will have just one constructive effect – to expand, prolong and magnify our binges till we're so rat-arsed we can't even remember the words to Show Me The Way To Go Home.

We'll blow even more money on booze. It'll be the rent money, the heating money, the Christmas present money, but at four in the morning we won't give a monkey's.

The problem caused by gangs of yobs all spilling out of the pubs in one mayheminducing crowd won't be stopped. It'll simply be staggered over hour after infuriating hour.

Pity anyone who lives within spitting distance of a pub. It'll be torture without end.

Will 24-hour drinking herald the dissolution of society? Of course not. But will it take us even fur-

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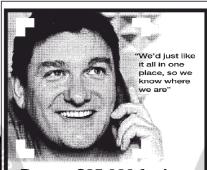
But will it take us even fur ther down the route to Sodom and Gomorrah, even further into ASBO culture till our daughters cop off with blokes whose names they never knew and our gut-ters run with rivers of vomit and urine? What do you think?

YOUR FATE, KATE

Send 'em black

HAT'S the current fixation with black Xmas trees about? Ever since Prince Albert brought them to Britain, Chrissie trees have been supposed to be about tidings of comfort and joy – not about sterile style statements.

- not about sterile style statements. A wonky tree covered in battered baubles, home-made favours and family favourites that don't match is what Christmas is all about. Displaying a "tasteful" minimalist black Christmas tree is all about showing off and oneupmanship, hardly an essential part of the Christmas message. Bah! Humbug!



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year-old.
She's strutting her stuff in fishnets, a purple blouson jacket and aviator shades. It's an outfit that would make anyone look ludi-

crous, but her confidence and self-belief are so overwhelming, she manages to convince us all that she looks 100% sensational. The woman is a marvel. She's living, breathing proof that there's more to 40-somethings than Botox and support tights. I love her. I don't care who knows it. By the time she

knows it. By the time she does 60 it'll be the new 25.

lead in bed. I don't actually be lead. We're not all into that and mistress collar and "Heel,

boxes.

Privately, I suspect the truth is different. Men fantasise about sexually assertive women, but in the flesh, we terrify them. They want what they want when they want it.

Ask for it when they don't and they're terrified they won't manage anything at all. The secret of a good sex life? Act like you want it whenever he does.

I'm panting to see the pantomime celebs...

SAW Carol Thatcher at some showbiz fandango the other day, and, frankly, it's frightening. She's half trannie, half

pantomime dame.
She's got her mother's vowels and her dad's dress

sense.
Stick her in the jungle
with David Dickinson, TV's

most foul tempered
"expert", and Long Haired
Lover from Liverpool,
long-in-the-tooth, "Little"
Jimmy Osmond, then
throw in a former Atomic
Kitten and Sid Owen –
whose attempt to release a
reggae single was so disastrous he was forced to flee
to New Zealand – and what

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MORGAN. LEIGH PURVES and AMY WATTS



lariah SONGSTRESS Mariah Carey is obviously still on a high after scooping four gongs at the Vibe Awards in California's Culver

libes so

good for

City. Resplendent in rhinestones – a look probably only she can work – the 35-year-old warbler looked stunning at a Hollywood record

signing.

Mariah was handing out copies of

her award-winning album The Emancipation Of Mimi.

And the animal-loving pop queen, who is devoted to her pooch Jack, has been using her new lease of life to help good causes.

The star sent fur coats from a rich fan to animal rights crusaders Peta because she doesn't agree with the cruel trade.

Good fur her.

Good fur her.



Boys' party thriller

WESTLIFE are hoping to see in the New Year in cracking style - by meeting up with Wacko Jacko.

Jacko.
The boys, pictured above with our Amy and Leigh, have become close friends with Michael Jackson's pal Dlana Ross.
Kian Egan, 25, Shane Filan, 25, Nicky Byrne, 27, and 25-year-old Mark Feehily switched on the Christmas lights in London's Oxford Street.
And afterwards they revealed they hope to meet Jackson, 47.
Nicky said: "We're all going home for Christmas to spend time with our families and we'll celebrate what a great time we've had."

had."
Asked about working with ex-Supremes star Diana, Shane added: "She is amazing and speaks fondly of her good pal Michael

and speaks ioning of the great way to see in the New Year. She's having a party that he'll be at this New Year's Eve and hopefully we'll be there.
"Maybe next year we'll work with him, who knows..."

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Earlier in the evening the famous four-

walsh, 51, was booed by a crowd of 12,000 for his tactics on The X-Factor – but Kian stuck up for him.

He said: "He is such a great fantastic guy and really full of talent."

The boys have been working with Diana, 61, on a version of her 1991 hit When You Tell Me That You Love Me.

And the bets are on that it could make a Christmas No.1.

But the lads insist they won't be heartbroken if that doesn't happen.

Shane said: "It's not going to be the end of the world if we don't do it.

High

"We're just pleased to be going so strong after all these years. The fans have been incredible."
Westlife, currently riding high with their single You Raise Me Up, will make another trip to South Africa this weekend to perform in Soweto.
Diana and **Christina Aguilera**, 24, will also take part in a charity concert. Sounds like the boys will be rubbing some seriously starry shoulders for some time.
We await our next audience!

SOME JUICY GOT

QUICKIE...

KATE Winslet dropped three dress sizes because she was sick of stick-thin actresses scooping all the best

thin actresses scooping all the best movie roles. The 30-year-old – who once vowed to keep her curves – cut out wheat and dairy to lose the pounds. A friend said: "She finds it frustrating that slimmer – often less tale

girls are getting the big jobs."

QUICKIE...

ROCKER Tommy Lee reckons skydiving beats sex. The Motley Crue drummer – who's flirting with Celeb Love Island's Jayne Middlemiss, 34, as we revealed yesterday – told how a tandem parachute jump with an instructor went wrong. The chute at first refused to open – but Tommy, 43, says the high when it did was even better than sex.



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FURY erupted last night after soccer star El Hadi Diouf escaped with a £500 fine after spitting at a schoolboy fan.

schoolboy fan.
And taxpayers will foot the huge bill for his lawyers.
The £40,000-a-week Bolton striker was given Legal Aid because he's a French speaker thought unable to defend himself – yet a judge then ruled Diouf didn't even have to appear in court for sentencing to spare him from a "media scrum".

Fined

■ by JERRY LAWTON

Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium

Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium a year ago.
Diouf was fined yesterday at Teesside Magistrates' Court after he admitting causing harassment, alarm and distress to the youngster. But James's angry parents last night blasted the sentence – and the VIP treatment Diouf got in court.
The 24-year-old fotballer was given



Legal Aid so taxpayers will cover his costs. And District Judge Mike Woods agreed to sentence him in his absence.

his absence.

James's mum Barbara, 48, of Middlesbrough, raged: "This man earns £40,000 a week. Surely he could pay his own legal bills?

"And he should have been made to attend the court.
"It's one rule for rich people and another for the rest. We weren't even told this case was due in court and James wants to know why nobody has said sorry for what happened."

Publicity

Last night, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Affairs admitted it was "unusual" for anyone to be sentenced in their absence simply to avoid publicity and promised an investigation.

Diouf was fined £5,000 in 2003 after spitting at Celtic fans during a UEFA Cup tie. Neither he nor his club would comment.

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Davenport entered a Daily
Star contest after his workmate
scooped a new car last week ...
and now he's won too!
Incredibly, the pair of pals —
who work just 10 paces from
each other — are both now driving
around in spanking new £17,000
Honda Civic Type-R motors.

Last week we told how
35-year old Jason Morgan
became the first winner of our
Nobby's Knows trivia competition
and landed his dream car. And he
was bragging so much about his
good fortune that Mark, 38,

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

decided to have a shot at this week's identical motor, having not entered in Week One.

And, amazingly, he got the magic call telling him he had become the second worker on the bounce from the Central 4 plant in Oldham to win our fabulous prize. "Even if I had a calculator now, couldn't begin working out the odds of this happening," said Mark, who makes greeting card displays.

"I'm pals with Jason, but I had no idea he had won the car,

because I was away at the time.
When I got back, he was going on about it non-stop, so – being a Daily Star reader – I thought I'd have a go, too.
"Never in a million years did I expect to win. Everyone's saying we must be working at the luckiest firm in Britain!"
Now Mark is flogging his three-year old Shogun and treating his girlfriend to spins in his new Honda.
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TUNED-IN Brits spend six years of their lives listening to

And U2, fronted by Bono, 45, is the band most people want to wake up to.

Their hit Beautiful Day has been voted the No 1 morning song when the alarm goes off at 7am, according to a new survey. But by the time commuters are on their way to work an hour later The Beatles classic Magical Mystery Tour is the tune

■ by MARIANNA PARTASIDES

of choice. Almost half of those quizzed for the perfect playlist said Bono and the boys topped their chart of songs they want to hear first thing.

Drift

Let Me Entertain You by pop hunk Robbie Williams, 31, is the track most peo-ple like to listen to as they get ready for a night out. And when it's time to go to bed a third of us want to drift off to Jazz legend Louis Armstrong's classic What a Wonderful THE PERFECT PLAYLIST

classic What a Wonderful World.

Tina Withington, from electronics firm Philips which put together the poll, said: "It is impressive to think that in our busy lives we manage to spend six years of it listening to music."

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To enter, tell me: What is the title of Madonna's new album? Then ring 0905 072 0769 with your answer. Calls cost 75p per minute from a BT landline and should last no longer than two minutes. Alternatively, text

JOEMOTT followed by a space, your answer, name and details to 88833. Texts cost £1.50 plus your normal network operator rate.

Winners will be selected at random from all correct entries received by noon tomorrow. Normal Daily Star rules apply. The Addonna video clips cost £1.50 and True tones cost £3.50. Terms and conditions apply. See www.o2.co.uk/music for full costs and service information.

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BUG WRECKS TOUR

is in chaos after a deadly virus hit their tour.

The lads - currently on a mammoth European jaunt – have had to cancel a string of dates in Spain after the bug was discovered.

was discovered.

Singer Ricky Wilson, 28, (above) bassist Simon Rix, 26, keyboard player Peanut, 27, guitarist Whitey, 32 and drummer Nick Hodgson, 28 were forced to get emergency medical advice after a roadie contracted a "highly contagious and rare virus".

The band haven't yet revealed what the condition is and the Leeds-based quintet are facing an agonising wait to see if any of them test positive.

Worried

An insider told me: "The guys are really worried.
"One of their crew has been struck down so they've been ordered to cancel all forthcoming engagements for the time being to see if it has spread.
"It's a nervous time for all." A spokesman for the band apologised to disappointed fans, adding: "These are the first shows in Kaiser Chiefs' history we have cancelled.
"The cancellation is caused by an outbreak of a highly contagious and rare virus in our travel party."
We've got our fingers crossed the boys and the roadie will be back on track soon.

dual styles. uckily the result is just gorgeous.

Darkness descends on Pete...

DARKNESS drummer Ed Graham has vowed to

DARKNESS Grummer Ed Graham has vowed to give potty Pete Doherty a good hiding.
Ed, 29, thinks Babyshambles frontman Doherty, 25, would benefit from getting duffed up. He told Orange world: "I would like to smash him in the face really hard. I hate every-

Smash filli if the face really hard rather cou-thing about him."

And guitarist Dan Hawkins, 29, added: "Glamorising smoking crack to teenagers is a really bad thing to do."







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